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### PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 U.S.C. §1.102

Applicants hereby submit a Petition under 37 CFR §1.102 that the above-referenced application be made special in accordance with M.P.E.P. §708.02(IV) and request advanced examination based on the age of one applicant.

Inventor Kent Cochrum's date of birth is January 24, 1939. He is currently 67 years old. Because his age is older than the age of 65 specified in M.P.E.P. §708.02(IV), this application is eligible for advanced examination on the merits. Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §708.02(IV), attached is a fully-executed Declaration by Inventor Kent Cochrum.

Under 37 CFR §1.102(c), no fee is necessary for this petition because the basis for the petition is the applicant's age.

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# DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

As a below-named inventor(s), I, Kent C. Cochrum, hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

My date of birth is January 24, 1939. I am currently 67 years old.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Attached to this facsimile communication cover sheet is a Petition to Make Special and Declaration by the Inventor, faxed this 21st day of March, 2006, to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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